designed to send a scanner start signal to said external computer when said scan head is mounted on said head mounting portion, said scanner software comprises a detection module for detecting the scanner start signal, said detection module alone in said scanner software is running in a standby state in which said printer device has not been started as a scanner, and modules other than said detection module in said scanner software are started when said detection module detects the scanner start signal.

26. (New) The system according to claim 25, wherein when all the modules in said scanner software are running, said detection module uses a sufficiently small work area of said external computer compared to other modules.

27. (New) The system according to claim 24, wherein said print head is an ink-jet print head.

28. (New) A method of controlling a scanning system which comprises a print device with a scanner function which allows printing and scanning by selectively mounting a print head and a scan head on a head mounting portion, an external computer which is connected to said print device to be able to communicate therewith, and scanner software for controlling scanning of said print device, said method comprising the step of:

controlling a detector adapted to detect that said scan head is mounted on said head mounting portion, wherein said print device communicates with said external computer to start said scanner software when said detector detects that said scan head is mounted on said head mounting portion.

29. (New) A storage medium that stores a control program for controlling a scanning system which comprises a print device with a scanner function which allows printing